An introduction
Our expertise spans all major property sectors and we have a proven track record.

- Retail
- Residential
- Mixed Use
- Energy
- Conservation
- Business
- Leisure
Alderley Park
Cheshire

Repurposing and regeneration of this 162 ha site from single occupancy (AstraZeneca) to multiple occupancy by a mix of life-science related businesses. The scheme also aims to deliver c275 new homes in a high quality living environment, capturing the heritage and characteristics of the former country estate and parkland setting.

Client Manchester Science Partnerships
Regeneration of Warrington’s Bridge Street Quarter, part of a 25 year strategic masterplan to include cinema, restaurants, cafes, Council offices, indoor market hall and new public square creating a revitalised attraction within the town centre.

**Client** Muse Developments

**Image** Leach Rhodes Walker Architects
Former Horwich Loco Works
Bolton

One of the largest regeneration projects in the north of England – 72 ha contaminated brownfield site – breathing new life into a former Railway Works, following 100 years of heavy industry use and previously failed attempts to devise a deliverable scheme.

Client Horwich Vision
West Bar
Sheffield

Sheffield’s £175m mixed-use West Bar Square development for Urbo Regeneration. An ambitious regeneration scheme which will create up to 5,000 jobs.

Client Urbo Regeneration
Image SPlus Architects
Altair will create a vibrant new destination for living, leisure, pleasure and business, providing quality homes alongside contemporary retail spaces suitable for new restaurants, cafés, bars, shops and Grade A office accommodation.

Client Nikal
Image Nikal
Angel Meadow
Manchester

Far East Consortium’s 756 unit residential led scheme near Victoria Station and NOMA in Manchester. Four residential buildings rising from 9 to 41 storeys.

Client: Far East Consortium
Image: 5Plus Architects
Former Manchester Metropolitan University
Didsbury Campus

7 ha mature parkland, conversion and retention of Listed buildings, 42 new build homes/7 apartments and a number of high quality family homes.

Client P J Livesey
Strategic Urban Extensions

Barwell, Leicestershire – 2,500 homes
Moor Lane, York – 2,000 homes
Leighton, Crewe – 2,000 homes
New Bolton Woods, Bradford – 1,200 homes
The Asps, Warwick – 1,000 homes
Nantwich, Cheshire – 1,000 homes
Kings Hill, Kent – 3,000 homes

Image: New Bolton Woods, courtesy of Urbed
Bentley Motors Masterplan and Development Framework

Crewe

The Development Framework and Masterplan provides the platform to deliver a modern advanced car manufacturing operation which supports Bentley as a world leading manufacturer of luxury cars.

Client Bentley Motors

Image Bentley & AHR
Planning permission secured to increase the original warehouse space by inserting additional floors and mezzanies, plus a 580 space multi-storey car park. Overall 1 million sq ft created; at peak 3,000 employees on site.

Client: Stoford
AC by Marriott Hotel
Manchester

172 bed hotel, Cable Street, Ancoats. New Cross Area – identified for major regeneration.

Client: Axcel Hospitality
Image: SimpsonHaugh & Partners
York Community Stadium and Retail Park
York
Sport-led mixed use development with an 8,000 capacity community stadium, leisure centre, multi-screen cinema and supporting retail uses.

Client: Wrenbridge Sport
ALDI North West

Retained planning advisor across three property regions in the North West. We also provide advice to Aldi’s head office gaining planning permissions for their distribution centres nationwide.
The second largest M&S in the country, encompassing a range of low energy initiatives and renewable energy measures to meet the aspirations of M&S to be carbon neutral.
Our Services

Planning Consultancy

- Site appraisal
- Pre-application discussions
- Planning applications & Project Management
- Technical studies, including Retail Impact Assessment; housing land availability & urban capacity studies
- Public Inquiry appearances
- Planning due diligence
- Negotiation of planning agreements
- Representations to emerging planning policy
- Public consultation and Statements of Community Involvement

Community Engagement

- The planning and implementation of comprehensive consultation programmes
- Engagement and liaison with community groups, stakeholders, influencers and key decision makers
- Production of marketing material
- Co-ordination and hosting of public exhibitions/presentations
- Liaison with local media
- Preparation of questionnaires
- Presentation of results review and response to feedback in line with the Localism Act 2011

Environmental Assessment

- Environmental Impact Assessments
- EIA Screening
- Sustainability
- Environmental Risk Management
The Team

Founded by Gary Halman and Richard Woodford in 2001, HOW grew to be one of the leading private planning practices in the North. In 2018 we saw the potential to improve and widen the services we could offer our clients, and following GVA’s acquisition of HOW Planning, created GVA HOW Planning which now sits as part of GVA’s national planning, development and regeneration platform.

Operating as part of GVA’s wider planning and development offer, GVA HOW Planning provides access to the very best planning, environmental, and development skills, experience and talent in the North of the country. We understand not just policy, practice and the legislation but also the politics and other, often unseen, factors that can influence decision making.

We believe our spaces shape us. The places in which we work, live and play have the power to make us all healthier and happier. Quite simply, our surroundings should bring out the best in us. Whether it is vision to help create new places, or intelligence to maximise existing spaces, however you interact with real estate, we’re here to get you to a good place. Our places build people.